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TAGS: NATO PFOR PGOV FR US UK UR GW WB
SUBJECT: NAC BRIEFING ON BERLIN

REF: BONN 7477

BEGIN SUMMARY. FRENCH HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO URGE
DELETION OF ANY REFERENCE TO ALLIED PATROLS FROM DRAFT
NAC BRIEFING. WE WOULD PREFER RETAIN PARTIAL REFERENCE
BUT ARE PREPARED ACCEPT FRENCH PROPOSAL AS FALLBACK IF
NECESSARY TO REACH AGREEMENT. ACTION REQUESTED:
URGENT GUIDANCE.

1. AT MAY 2 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU)
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SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO RECOMMEND DELETING FROM AD
REF TEXT: (A) THE PHRASE "SUCH AS THE RIGHT OF FREE
MOVEMENT IN THE EASTERN SECTOR OF BERLIN BY ALLIED
FORCES PERSONNEL" FROM PARAGRAPH 2; (B) THE LAST SEN-
TENCE OF PARAGRAPH 2; AND (C) ALL OF PARAGRAPH 3.

2. THE FRENCH ARGUMENT IS THAT IT IS BETTER TO MAKE

NO ALLUSION, HOWEVER INDIRECT, TO THE SOVIET DEMARCHES. ON THE ONE HAND, SUCH ALLUSION CAN ONLY STIMULATE UNWANTED INTEREST AND QUESTIONS. ON THE OTHER, IT IS DISINGENUOUS IF NOT DECEPTIVE TO REPORT ONLY PART OF THE TRUTH. IF THE FOUR ARE PREPARED TO TELL THE OTHER NATO PERMREPS, THEY CAN DO SO ORALLY ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.

3. US REP AGREED THAT THE PRESENT TEXT IS DISINGENOUS BUT SUGGESTED THAT THE BETTER COURSE WOULD BE TO LEAVE PARAGRAPH 2 AS IT IS AND TO DELETE PARAGRAPH 3. THE DECISION WHETHER TO INFORM THE OTHER PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WHOLE TRUTH COULD BE MADE BY THE US, UK, FRENCH AND FRG POLITICAL DIRECTORS..

4. UK REP (EYERS) SAID HE WAS RELUCTANT TO MAKE A FORMAL RECOMMENDATION TO LONDON, SINCE HE HAS NOT RECEIVED REACTION TO THE PRIOR DRAFT, BUT WOULD MAKE A PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION THAT DELETING THE REFERENCE TO PATROLS AND LEAVING THE MATTER FOR PERMREPS ONLY WAS ONE WAY OF DEALING WITH THE MATTER. HE EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR THE US SUGGESTION.

5. FRG REP (HENZE) QUESTIONED THE ADVISABILITY OF NOT GIVING NATO ANY INDICATION OF WHAT IS AN IMPORTANT NEW FACTOR IN THE BERLIN SITUATION. HE SAID THAT THE NAC BRIEFING, IF AMENDED, AS THE FRENCH PROPOSE, GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SITUATION IS UNCHANGED SINCE THE LAST BRIEFING.

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6. SINCE TIME IS SHORT, AND SINCE FRENCH HAVE INSTRUCTIONS, WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT FRENCH PROPOSAL. WE ARE AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT, IF DEMARCHES LATER BECOME PUBLIC, OF NOT HAVING INCLUDED IN THE NAC BRIEFING ANY ALLUSION TO THEM. WE RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT WE BE INSTRUCTED TO PUSH FOR US PROPOSAL (PARAGRAPH 3 SUPRA) BUT, AS FALLBACK, BE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT FRENCH PROPOSAL IF NECESSARY TO REACH AGREEMENT.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: URGENT INSTRUCTIONS.
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